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TRUSTEES ON THE PART OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Wayne County—Rev. J. C. Herring.....Mount Olive, N. C.
Duplin County—Ed Faison .....Faison, N. C.
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New Hanover County—Rev. J. R. Coel.....Wilmington, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. W. D. Wilson, Turkey, N. C.	$ 1.50
Rev. J. P. Faison, Warsaw, N. C.	1.50
Rev. D. C. Fennell, Rose Hill, N. C.	Due
Rev. G. H. Bryant, Goldsboro, N. C.	1.50
Rev. H. T. Hopkins, Almont, Wilmington, N. C.	1.50
Rev. J. M. Newkirk, Rosehill, N. C.	1.50
Rev. M. M. Newkirk, Castle Hayne, N. C.	1.50
Rev. M. H. Hall, Willard, N. C.	1.50
Rev. R. M. C. Roberson, Warsaw, N. C.	1.50
Rev. Jerry Grimes, Mount Olive, N. C.	1.50
Rev. U. A. Carlton, Clinton, N. C.	1.50
Rev. Virgle Taylor, Willard, N. C.	1.50
Rev. A. T. Peterford, Mount Olive, N. C.	1.50
Rev. J. W. Jones, Willard, N. C.	1.50
Rev. W. H. Hall, Castle Hayne, N. C.	1.50
Rev. P. E. Nicholson, Turkey, N. C.	1.50
Rev. M. Jones, Burgaw, N. C.	1.50
Rev. J. W. Hargroves, Faison, N. C.	1.50
Rev. W. F. Highsmith, Wallace, N. C.	Due
Rev. C. D. Highsmith, Goldsboro, N. C.	1.50
Rev. J. D. West, Willard, N. C.	1.50
Rev. D. D. McAllister, Burgaw, N. C.	1.50
Rev. R. M. Godwin, Roseboro, N. C.	1.50
Rev. W. M. Williamson, Mouldersville, N. C.	Due
Rev. W. M. Pickett, Wilmington, N. C.	1.50
Rev. R. J. Wheeler, Burgaw, N. C.	1.50
Rev. A. H. Dixon, Rosehill, N. C.	....
Rev. J. W. Williams, Wallace, N. C.	....
Rev. Thomas Parker, Warsaw, N. C.	Exempt
Rev. W. H. Walker, Warsaw, N. C.	1.50
Rev. J. T. Deans, 514 Lodge Street, Wilson, N. C.	1.50
Rev. J. N. McKnight, Burgaw, N. C.	1.50
Rev. L. T. Bond, Windsor, N. C.	1.50
Rev. Handry Kelly, Goldsboro, N. C.	3.00
Rev. S. T. Shiver, Wilmington, N. C.	1.50
Rev. C. T. Underwood, Dunn, N. C.	1.50
Rev. K. T. Houston, Mount Olive, N. C.	1.50
Rev. D. T. Best, deceased, Clinton, N. C.	....
Rev. J. A. Hill, Warsaw, N. C.	Due
Rev. S. R. White, Wilmington, N. C.	1.50
Rev. J. H. Johnson, Willard, N. C.	1.50
Rev. S. H. Newkirk, Wilmington, N. C.	1.50
Rev. A. J. Boney, Wilmington, N. C.	1.50
Rev. C. R. Knighton, Calypso, N. C.	1.50
Rev. F. E. Cobb, Wilmington, N. C.	1.50
Rev. S. J. Gavin, Turkey, N. C.	1.50
Rev. W. M. Fennell, Rocky Point, N. C.	Due
Rev. R. W. Underwood, Dunn, N. C.	1.50
Rev. A. B. Southerland, Rocky Point, N. C.	1.00
Rev. J. W. Bell, Wilmington, N. C.	1.50
Rev. J. D. Fryar, Warsaw, N. C.	1.50
Rev. H. Parker, Roseboro, N. C.	1.50
Rev. K. E. Edwards, Clinton, N. C.	1.50
Rev. E. Q. Moore, Burgaw, N. C.	1.50
Rev. M. W. Rives, Warsaw, N. C.	1.50
Rev. S. H. Wilson, Magnolia, N. C.	4.50
Rev. J. H. Thomas, Wilmington, N. C.	1.50
Rev. E. P. Moore, Rocky Point, N. C.	1.50
Rev. J. E. Highsmith, Willard, N. C.	1.50

LICENTIATE MINISTERS.

Rev. James Newton, Carrsville, N. C.	$ 1.00
Rev. M. O. Wilson, Willard, N. C.	1.00
Rev. J. C. Herring, Mount, Olive, N. C.	1.00
Rev. M. S. Bass, Goldsboro, N. C.	1.00
Rev. D. Nixon, Castle Hayne, N. C.	2.00
Rev. R. T. Boney, Castle Hayne, N. C.	1.00
Rev. P. H. Bryant, Watha, N. C.	1.00
Rev. W. G. Kenan, Kenansville, N. C.	1.00
Rev. J. W. Koonce, Kenansville, N. C.	2.00
Rev. H. A. McCalop, Turkey, N. C.	1.00
Rev. Joseph Law, Warsaw, N. C.	1.00
Rev. M. L. Ellerbee, Burgaw, N. C.	1.00
Rev. Charley Moore, Bowden, N. C.	1.00
Rev. Thomas Chestnut, Magnolia, N. C.	....
Rev. Willie Boney, Warsaw, N. C.	....
Rev. J. R. Davis, Pink Hill, N. C.	1.00
Rev. B. H. Hall, Kenansville, N. C.	1.00
Rev. E. J. Bowden, Mount Olive, N. C.	1.00
Rev. Thomas McMillan, Rocky Point, N. C.	1.00
Rev. Willie Hargrove, Faison, N. C.	1.00
Usher Association donated	.50
Rev. E. Z. Carroll, Rosehill, N. C.	1.00
Rev. Joe Hill, Rosehill, N. C.	1.00

ROLL OF DEACONS WHO PAID 50 CENTS.

A. R. Middleton, C. C. Graham, W. M. Faison, W. M. Bryant, E. A. Newton, Henry McGee, R. Barden, H. C. Wright, Matthew Cobb, B. Boyette due, Jerry Smith due, I. Smith due, W. M. Wright due, R. Faison, J. E. Williams, B. Gavin due, George Cooper, Holmes Hill, W. M. Shaw, R. B. Faison, A. P. Middleton, Simon Faison due, H. C. Ashford due, Daniel Brewington due, David Faison, J. R. Faison due, D. L. Thompson, John Davis, Fred Hill, William Artis, Dock Blanton, Isaiah Durham, Lathie Pearsoll due, Arthur Bowden, Frank Bowden due, James Armwood, G. H. Walker, Hix Stallings, Perry Brice, J. L. Moore, Frank Quinn, S. B. Smith, L. R. Williams, Thomas Hayes, E. S. Smith, R. H. Smith, C. C. Chesten due, R. A. Evans due, Wilbert Parker due, James Nobles, Frank Cottle, J. D. Faison, Lacy Roberson, Matthew Grantham, Charley Moore due, Joe Smith, Amos Roberson, L. Glaspy, Monroe Moore, Frank Glaspy, Lewis Boykin, C. B. Bryant, C. B. Savage, Charley Henry,, J. L. Lydge due, F. Moore due, T. S. Shedrick due, J. S. Hall, O. B. Sidberry, Walter Batts, Robert White, John James, Tom Costin, John Lassiter, G. W. Fennell due, W. H. Highsmith due, T. A. Highsmith due, W. H. McCallop, E. J. Faison, E. V. Tom, Lesley Williams, H. Newkirk due, W. M. Dixon, George Kennedy, Henry Sampson $1, Major Johnson $1, David C. Biggers $1, Richard Barksdale $1, Joseph Cogdell $1, Wm. Carr $1. B. B. Blackman due, J. R. Jones due, Samuel Chestnut due, F. S. Moore, Jacob Fennell, Richard Merriam, William Robeson, William Wilson, Julius Gamble, Galloway Williams due, Perry Faison due, Willie Faison due, R. S. Williams, Robert Hankins due, G. W. Walker due, W. M. Bordeau due, C. H. Faison, John Murphy, J. P. Fryar, L. F. Joyner, Moses Anderson, Lee McCoy, Johnny Bowden, L. Bass, Henry Hall due, W. H. Herring due, A. W. Williams due, C. C. Herring, John Wilson, D. R. Cashwell, Henry Ashford, S. T. Wilson, R. J. Marshman, W. J. Moore, W. H. Hand, J. N. Bloodworth due, W. C. Casteen due, James Murphy due.

Delegates reported late and paid 25 cents: C. C. Herring, J. P. Fryar, L. Bass, Charley Moore, H. J. Wheeler, A. R. Johnson.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

(Delegates paid 25 cents each.)

First Baptist, Kenansville—W. M. Faison, W. M. Bryant, R. R. Barden.
Hills Chapel in Duplin—H. C. Wright, M. T. Cobb.
First Baptist, Warsaw—R. B. Faison.
Six Runs Baptist Church—D. L. Thompson, Curtis Thompson.
Eastern Chapel—Rev. John H. Fennell, C. D. Highsmith, Isaac McClain.
Shady Grove—Isaiah Durham, Arthur Bowden.
Willard Chapel—C. H. Wilson, G. H. Walker, Jerry Bryant.
Smith Chapel—S. B. Smith, Frank Quin.
Poplar Grove—J. W. Ashford, E. F. Haynes.
Watha Chapel—Rev. P. H. Bryant.
Halls Chapel—J. N. Bloodworth, Henry Hall.
Union Chapel—Thomas Brewington, J. T. Lamb, C. McAllister.
St. Luke—Joe Herring, Sunny Sutton, John Jones.
Stephens Chapel—E. J. Faison, J. P. Moore, R. P. Faison.
St. John's Baptist Church—Rev. D. D. McAlister.
Friendship Baptist Church—
Mount Ciliard—H. Conner, James Carlton, J. Kinsey.
Grove Street—D. A. Williams, D. R. Williams, J. H. Dobson.
New Hope Chapel—L. Massey, J. H. Wheeler.
Bowden—
Chinquapin—Lorenza Whitehead, Henry Graham, Royal Stallings.
Mount Holly—S. H. Newkirk.
Hills Chapel in Pender—Robert Hankins.
Byrd's Chapel—R. S. Williams.
Faisons Chapel—C. H. Faison.
Man Hollow—O. B. Sidberry.
Registers Grove—
Roseville—C. T. Costin, John Lassiter.
Pilgrims Rest—Amos Anderson.
McCallop Chapel—W. H. McCallop, E. F. Faison, E. V. Towns.
Shoulders Branch—A. Harrell, M. H. Newkirk.
Central Baptist—E. M. Butler, R. Baskerville.
Mayesville—J. R. Jones, Samuel Chestnut, Homer Blackman.
Love Grove—
Wilsons Chapel—
Daisy Chapel—
Calypso—Lacy Roberson, Matt. Grantham, J. D. Faison, Rev. C. R. Knighton.
Rainbow—L. Glaspy, Monroe Moore.
Oakley Plains—C. H. Henry.
First Baptist, Wilmington—
Hallsville—J. S. Hall, Boney Hall, Phona Hall.
Magnolia—Jake Spearman, I. S. Moore.
Mount Pleasant—Jule Gamble, James Chestnut.
Peters Tabernacle—James Holmes, Arthur Hayes.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who evince a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the conference shall appoint a Moderator protem, who shall open Conference with devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at each regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to the brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, when seconded shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall arise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, unless by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without permission from the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in all matters of difference between members before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instruction of our Lord's Gospel as recorded by St Matthew 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th, verses, and public offenses or such as operate against the peace of the Church shall be the subjects of discipline. .....

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to membership; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any one who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speaker to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

PROCEEDINGS.

Goldsboro, N. C., October 18, 1923.

The fifty-third annual session of the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association was called to order promptly at eleven o'clock by Vice-Moderator Rev. W. H. Walker, by singing hymn No. 520, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," &c., and read as a scripture lesson the 5th chapter of St. Matthew (Beatitudes) and Rev. C. R. Knighton made the opening prayer, continued the devotional with the use of hymn No. 454, "A charge to keep I have," &c. Then the Vice-Moderator in well chosen words made some brief remarks to the Association expressing regrets as to the absence of the Moderator not knowing the cause and then announced the house in order for business. Rev. C. T. Underwood sang, "I am in his care" and led out in thanking the Lord for His great care and protection during these past twelve months, followed by father Thomas Parker, the old pioneer of the Association, and a great many others spoke. Then the program was adopted as the working basis of the body. Next in order was the collecting of dues from A. delegates, B. Ordained Ministers, C. Licentiate Ministers, D. Deacons. Following this was the appointing of the finance committee as follows: Deacon W. M. Faison, Deacon R. Baskerville, Deacon C. C. Herring, Deacon R. B. Faison, and Rev. E. J. Bowden. The collection for the morning session amounted to $74.75. Then the Association took a recess until 2:30.

Benediction by the Vice-Moderator. Then the pastor came forward with his committee and proceeded to assign the various delegates to their homes.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2:30 with Rev. W. H. Walker in the chair. After the singing of a beautiful hymn, the Moderator announced the house in order for business.

A motion prevailed to hear the proceedings of the morning session. Same were read, corrected and approved.

Then the collection of dues was continued. After which Rev. C. T. Underwood arose and introduced Dr. Roberts from Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., Rev. W. C. Pope and Rev. Dudley and they all were made welcome to sit with us in our deliberations. They all made encouraging remarks. Dr. Roberts was then presented to speak in the interest of the Shaw drive. He arose amidst deafening applause and made a great plea for an educated ministry. His address was highly received and he was donated $25.00 for Shaw University. Then the Association took a recess until 7:30. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Johnson.

Correction: The Committee on nomination of officers was appointed, as follows: Rev. H. T. Hopkins, Chairman, Rev. J. H. Thomas, Mr. E. M. Butler, Rev. J. E. Highsmith, M. C. Middleton, and Rev. J. M. Newkirk.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 7:30. The devotional was conducted by Licentiate Davis and Rev. D. D. McAllister. Licentiate Davis lined hymn No. 214, "My soul be on thy guard," &c., and reading as a scripture lesson the third chapter of the Book of Malachi and then we bowed our heads in prayer by Rev. S. H. Newkirk. Then continued singing by use of hymn No. ——, "Come let us join our cheerful songs," &c. Then the Vice-Moderator arose and announced the house in order for business.

It being time for the delivery of the various welcome addresses, the Mod-

erator arose and in well chosen words presented Rev. J. T. Deans, the pastor of the Church, to deliver the welcome address on the part of the church. Rev. Deans came forward and delivered one of the finest as well as Christ-like addresses of welcome that this body has listened to in many a day. It made us all feel proud of our coming to Goldsboro as the guest of Eastern Chapel and her many friends who were standing ready to come to her assistance. Then his honor, the Mayor of Goldsboro, E. H. Bain, was introduced by the Moderator to deliver the address of welcome on the part of the city. He arose amidst applause and spoke out of the fullness of his heart words of encouragement. He told how the relation existed between the white and colored people of his town. He said the colored people of Goldsboro were as good as could be found any where in North Carolina; that they were law-abiding, thrifty and industrious, but said we were great imitators (much laughter). His address was well received by the brethren and at his conclusion a rising vote of thanks was extended to him. Then Rev. J. M. Newkirk was presented to respond to the addresses of welcome. His address was replete in every respect. The speaker was at his best and crowned himself with glory. He was greatly applauded. Then the mayor requested the brethren to sing, "Not my mammy nor my daddy, but it is me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer," which was beautifully sung led by Rev. Shep. Newkirk.

The hour having arrived for preaching, according to the program Rev. C. T. Underwood was to preach the Doctrinal sermon. Rev. L. T. Bonds was called to the rostrum to accompany the speaker of the occasion. After a beautiful selection was sung by Rev. Newkirk. Rev. Bonds led us in prayer. Then the Moderator arose and presented Rev. C. T. Underwood to preach the doctrinal sermon. The speaker arose and began to sing, "Father, I stretch my hands to Thee," and selected as his text 22nd chapter of the Prophecy of Isaiah and the 22nd verse read as follows: And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulders; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut and none shall open, from which he preached a most powerful and instructive sermon. Then prayer was offered by Rev. Goodwin. "Joy bells ringing down in my heart" was sung, which almost brought the brethren to their feet. Rev. J. D. McCrae, of Antioch Baptist Church of Goldsboro, and Rev. H. T. Hopkins of Wilmington, were asked to take the offering, which amounted to $20.45. Then the Moderator, Rev. J. N. McKnight arose and made a statement to the brethren concerning his lateness and the cause, it being automobile trouble.

Then the introduction of visitors was next in order: Rev. C. C. Somerville, of Portsmouth, Va.; Rev. R. C. Carroll, of Goldsboro, and Rev. J. D. McCrae, of Goldsboro, and Rev. J. W. Jones, of Goldsboro, and Rev. J. W. Raynor were all brought forward and made welcome in our body. Dr. Somerville made some very encouraging remarks to us which were highly received; also did the various other brethren.

Then Sister Washington, the blind lady, was brought before the body and a liberal collection was lifted for her amounting to $7.13.

Then the Association took a recess until Friday morning 9:30.

Benediction by Rev. M. Jones.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

According to adjournment the second days session began with devotional conducted by Rev. N. H. Hall and Rev. McCallop who lined hymn No. 713, "I heard the voice of Jesus say come unto me and rest," &c. Then read for the morning scripture lesson 1st chapter of St. John and then we bowed our heads in prayer by Rev. McCallop. "Glory to His Name," was sung by Rev. Fryar.

The Moderator then arose and announced the house in order for business.

A motion prevailed to hear the minutes of the previous session. Same were read, corrected and approved.

Next in order was the appointment of the following committees: A. Home Missions, B. Foreign Missions, C. Education, D. Temperance, F. Condition of the Country, G. No. New Churches, H. On time and place, and all other committees were appointed. (See report of the various committees.)

The hour having arrived for the Moderator to make his annual address, "I am pressing on" was sung by Rev. F. E. Cobb and in well-selected words the Vice-Moderator arose and presented the Rev. J. N. McKnight, Moderator, to deliver his annual message to the body. He arose and delivered a splendid message to the satisfaction of all. (See message.) Then a motion prevailed that the message be received and referred to a special committee on President's message. (See special committees report.) Then the special committee on resolutions made its report. same was received and referred to the committee on President's address. Committee is as follows: Rev. J. H. Thomas, Rev. R. M. C. Roberson, Rev. J. P. Faison, Rev. S. T. Shiver, and Rev. R. W. Underwood. The Vice-Moderator then made his report which was a verbal report but was well rendered. Same was adopted. Then the Clerk made a verbal report and same was adopted. Then the Secretary and Treasurer of the Trustee Board made his report and the same was received and referred to a special auditing committee as follows: Rev. C. T. Underwood, Rev. J. H. Johnson and Rev. W. D. Wilson.

The Treasurer then made his report and the same was received and referred to the Auditor for approval and was adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary made his report and the same was received and adopted. (See reports.)

The hour having arrived for preaching Rev. W. C. Pope, of Wilmington, ascended the sacred rostrum to accompany the speaker of the hour in the person of Dr. C. C. Somerville, of Portsmouth, Va. He lined hymn No. 559, "Go preach my gospel, sayeth the Lord," &c., and Rev. J. W. Williams led us to the throne of Grace. "Down at the Cross," was sung, then the Moderator arose and presented the Rev. Pope, who in turn arose and presented the speaker of the hour, Rev. Dr. C. C. Somerville, who arose and after some little preliminary remarks proceeded with the sermon, using as a text the 53rd chapter of Isaiah and the 5th verse. Words were as follows: He was wounded for our transgressions. Subject: The wounded Christ in Prophecy, from which he preached a most wonderful sermon to the happy delight of all. Rev. K. T. Houston led in prayer. The collection amounted to $7.35.

Then the Association took a recess until 3:00 p. m.

Benediction by Dr. Somerville.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at three o'clock and the Vice-Moderator conducted the devotional exercises by using hymn No. 430, "I once was lost but now I am found," &c., and Bro. Mack led in prayer. Then "Hold out, my child, hold out," was sung, and the Moderator arose and announced the house in order for business.

A motion prevailed to hear the proceedings of the morning session. Same were read, corrected and approved.

Then the report of the Ministerial Board was called for and the chairman stated that they would be ready to report later on.

Then the special committee on Resolutions and the President's Address made their report. (See report.) And the same was received and adopted.

The Auditing Committee made their report and the same was adopted. (See report.)

The Committee on New Churches made their report and same was adopted. (See report.)

The Committee on Nomination of Officers made their report recommending

the reelection of the present Moderator and his entire cabinet and the same was received and adopted. See report.

At this point a telegram was received from Union District Association from River Junction, Florida. The text of the telegram follows:

Rev. J. E. Highsmith, 50 D.D., Goldsboro, N. Car.

Your letter received and in return the Union District Association now in session sends greetings to you and the humble body you now represent in session. May God bless you.

D. D. Phillips, Moderator; J. W. Keys, Clerk.

Sent by D. W. Philjaw, D.D. 20 3p.

A motion was made that the telegram be unanimously received and the Clerk instructed to make a suitable reply was adopted.

Then the Committee on Foreign Missions made their report and the same was adopted. (See report.

A motion passed that D. A. Williams be made chairman of the Executive Board.

A motion passed that M. T. Cobb be placed in the stead of Rev. C. R. Murray and Henry Conner be placed in the vacancy of the place made by the death of R. Willie, was passed.

A motion prevailed that the Ministerial Board remain as it stands. Then the Ministerial Board made their report and the same was adopted. See report.

The Committee on Time and Place made their report that when this body adjourn it do so to meet with the Friendship Baptist Church, Rocky Point, N. C. Same was adopted. (See report.)

Then T. P. McGee was unanimously elected Field Secretary of the K. E. M. B. Association to travel in the interest of the Faison Institute.

Then the Association took a recess until 7:30.

Benediction by Father Thomas Parker.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 7:30. The devotional exercises were conducted by Vice-Moderator Walker, who sang, "Hold out my child, hold out," and then we were led in prayer by Rev. M. W. Rivers. The hour having arrived for the preaching of the Temperance sermon, which was to have been preached by Rev. Wyly, of Central Baptist, and he being absent Rev. F. E. Cobb, of Wilmington was asked to fill the vacancy. Then Rev. Goodwin was asked to ascend the rostrum to accompany the speaker of the evening. He arose and lined hymn "I love thy kingdom, Lord," &c., and read as the evening lesson the 134th Division of Psalms and Rev. Carroll led us in prayer. After which a beautiful selection was sung by the choir. Then continued the singing by the use of hymn No. 333, "My God, I love Thee." Then the Vice-Moderator arose and presented the Rev. F. E. Cobb to preach the Temperance sermon. He arose and selected for his text 119th Division of Psalms and the 115th verse; also Prov. 6:23. Subject: The Heavenly Light on Man's Pathway, from which he preached a wonderful sermon to the delight of all. "Then "Shine on me," was sung, and Rev. N. H. Hall led us in prayer. The doors of the Church were then opened for the reception of members while "Joy Bells ringing down in my heart," was being sung by Rev. Bell. It made us all feel like we were in a great revival meeting. Rev. C. C. Somerville and Rev. M. W. Rivers were asked to take the offering which amounted to $30.50. Then Rev. Mail was presented to the Association to speak in the interest of his orphanage work at Winston-Salem and he was donated $25.00 for same.

Then the Committee on the State of the Country made their report. Same was adopted. (See rport).

Then the Association took a recess until Saturday morning 9:30.

Benediction by Rev. F. E. Cobb.

SATURDAY MORNING—THIRD DAYS SESSION.

October 20th, 1923.

The Association met at 9:30 and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Jerry Grimes and Rev. S. J. Gavin, who lined hymn No. 417, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," &c., and read as a scripture lesson the 9th chapter of St. Luke down to the 15th verse. Then we bowed our heads in prayer by Rev. Grimes.

Then the Moderator announced the house in order for business.

A motion prevailed that the proceedings of the previous day's session be read. Same were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Grievance made their report. A motion prevailed that the report received and that part referring to the church being grieved over the moving of the Association from Calypso Baptist Church without their knowledge be taken up and that those responsible for the change give the parties grieved satisfaction. After much discussion the matter was satisfactorily settled and the report adopted.

Then the Committee on Orphanage made their report and same was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Ministers Conference was read and the same was adopted. (See report.)

A motion passed that the report of the ministers and deacons report on constitution be adopted was carried.

Then the election of delegates to the State Baptist Convention was next in order, it being undersood that the expenses of only two would be paid by the Association. The following brethren were put in for the delegates: Rev. R. W. Underwood, Rev. J. N. McKnight, Rev. J. H. Johnson and Rev. J. M. Newkirk, all of the four brethren were elected to attend the State Convention. Then a motion passed that the expenses of one of the delegates born by the Association be given to father Thomas Parker and that he be delegated to go as a delegate.

Then the Association took a recess until 7:30 giving the remainder of the evening over to the mission work of the sisters.

Benediction by Rev. S. T. Shiver.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 7:30. The devotional was conducted by Rev Deans. (We failed to get those who sang and prayed as we were out at the beginning of the service.) Rev. Deans arose and presented the Rev. J. P. Faison to preach. He arose and selected as his text the 19th chapter of Job and the 25th verse. I know that my Redeemer liveth, from which he preached a splendid sermon. Then we were led in prayer by the Rev. K. E. Edwards. Then Deacon Daniel Thompson and Deacon Fryar were asked to take the offering which amounted to $10.00.

The Committee on Home Missions then made their report. Same was adopted.

A motion that we donate to Rev. W. D. Wilson for Murphy Chapel to help them in their building ten dollars, was carried.

A motion that a vote of thanks be extended to the pastor and members of Eastern Chapel was carried.

A motion that we donate to Brother S. H. Wilson the amount of eight dollars to help him in his condition was carried.

Then the Association took a recess until Sunday morning 9:30.

Benediction by Rev. J. P. Faison.

FOURTH DAY SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met promptly at 9:30. The Sunday School was in charge of Rev. K. E. Edwards as teacher and Rev. S. J. Gavin as superintendent. The lesson was beautifully taught by the teacher and many helpful thoughts were brought out of the lesson. Then Rev. A. T. Pettiford and Sister Helen Jackson were asked to lift the Sunday School offering which amounted to $2.61.

The hour having arrived for preaching "I heard the voice of Jesus say," was sung. Then Rev. J. T. Deans ascended the sacred rostrum and lined hymn No. 209, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty," &c Then we repeated the 23rd Division of Psalms in concert. Continued by singing hymn No. 86, "Now to the Lord a noble song," &c., and read as the morning lesson the 21st chapter of St. Luke down to the 24th verse, and we were led in prayer by Rev. E. P. Moore. Continued the singing by the use of hymn No. 520, "I love thy kingdom Lord," &c., while the missionary offering was being taken up by the ushers. Then Rev. D. D. McAlister was asked to pray over the offering. After some remarks by the pastor of the church, Rev. Deans, in wellchosen words presented the speaker of the occasion Rev. J. N. McKnight, the Moderator to preach the missionary sermon. He arose and selected as his text the 24th chapter of St. Matthew and the 14th verse. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come. Subject: The extent of the atonement and the power of the gospel. The speaker was at his best and preached a most wonderful sermon to the delight of all, The Rev. Goodwin led us in a fervent prayer. Collection was taken which amounted to $22.00. Then a collection was lifted for a Mrs. Cole Brown who had the misfortune of losing all of her belongings by fire. She was given $10.50. This brought to a close one of the most business like and financial sessions of the Association we have had in a long time. The song "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," was sung and we stroke the parting hand to meet at Friendship Baptist church at Rocky Point, three miles west.

REV. J. N. McKNIGHT, Moderator.
A. R. MIDDLETON, Clerk.
T. P. McGee, Assistant Clerk.

REPORTS

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the Faison Normal and Industrial Institute is one of the fundamental objects of the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association;

And Whereas, its perpetuity depends upon coöperation and concentration of all of our forces, Ministers, Pastors, Deacons and Laity; be it

Resolved, That the Association take a progressive step.

1. Electing a Field Secretary who shall be Secretary of the Board of Trustees whose duties it shall be to visit the school from time to time and see to the directing of its work and report to the Trustee Board and this body of the general conditions of the school. (In a general meeting or an auxiliary meeting of this body.)

2. We further recommend that an Educational Committee be elected whose duty it shall be to raise an Educational fund for the school and who shall act in co-operation with the Trustees in fostering the Cause of Christian Education at the Institute and turn over to the Field Secretary any money collected, who in turn shall pay it to the Treasurer of the Associatton to be paid cut as directed by the Field Secretary.

The Field Secretary shall have power to direct the work of the Educational Committee in raising money in any laudable way possible for this purpose.

That all expenses be brought to the Association to be approved by it before paid. We further ask that the committee be elected at once so they may retire and draw plans, ways and means of collecting funds for this great cause.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BUTLER, Chmn.
C. T. UNDERWOOD,
REV. H. T. HOPKINS.
T. P. McGEE.
REV. J. T. HIGHSMITH,
REV. W. D. WILSON,
REV. H. PARKER.
REV. L. T. BONDS.
J. Mc. NEWKIRK, Secretary.

REPORT ON THE STATE AND CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY.

In view of the condition of the state of affairs concerning the social, moral and financial state of the country and considering the unsettled condition, your committee desires to call attention to certain things that should receive more than passing notice. We wish to call attention frst to the state of lawlessness so prevalent and universal as is now manifest and confined to no particular part of our country, and which because of its existence is becoming a menace to constituted authority.

We note with deep interest the struggle that is now going on between the forces of prohibition and anti-prohibition, and how so many people of power and influence are found on both sides of the Volstead amendment to the Constitution and unless they can harmonize and settle the conflict are likely in the end to bring the greatest struggle that we have known in the history of this great country.

The emigration question, by which thousands of the labor class are shifted from one part of the country to the other, changing the economical condition so materially, is becaming one of great gravity and seriousness and one that concerns every good citizen, white and black; for after all it seems to be a Providential movement that time alone can solve and explain.

Your committees attention is called to the tendency of the so-called higher criticism and liberalism to overthrow the teachings of God's word, the Bible; and stubstitute in its stead what may be termed "modernism" and this tendency is growing and is found in many of the Colleges and higher Institutions of learning, and unless it is met with a positive resistance, based upon truth and righteousness, these forces will get in control and in the ascendency and overthrow the faith of many.

In view of the conditions it is the duty of Christians everywhere to live up to the teachings of the word of God as will be found in the Bible;

We recommend that our people will be law-abiding, self-respecting and industrious, and observe the Christian Sabbath and strive to observe the golden rule—"As ye would that men should unto you do, do ye even so unto them.

Respectfully submitted.

REV. W. H. WALKER.
REV. A. T. PETTIFORD,
REV. J. T. DEANS.
REV. A. W. UNDERWOOD.
CHARLEY HEMBY.
REV. C. C. SOMERVILLE

REPORT ON SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS AND PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

We, your Committee on Special Resolutions and President's Address submit the following:

1. That Article 18 referred to in recommendation one, be further referred to Committee on Constitution.

2. That recommendations 2 and 3 be adopted.

3. That recommendation 4 be so amended as to read: "We shall donate to Shaw University annually for the training of our race not less than $25.00 as a minimum, increasing according to financial condition of the Association.

Part II. That we adopt the resolution touching Faison High School and General Education of the district; that the Financial Agent be appointed; the Educational Committee be constituted; and all expenses pass under the surveillance of the Association.

S. T. SHIVER,
R. W. UNDERWOOD,
J. P. FAISON,
R. M. C. ROBINSON,
J. H. THOMAS, Chmn.,
Committee.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Auditing Committee makes the following report: We, your Committee beg to make the following report: We have examined the treasurer's report and find the same correct. Humbly submitted,

REV. C. T. UNDERWOOD,
W. D. WILSON,
J. H. JOHNSON, Committee.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL BOARD.

Committee on Time and Place reported as follows: We your committee have before us Chinquapin, Union Chapel and Friendship and we therefore recommend that when we adjourn from this place we do so to meet with the First Baptist Church, Friendship, Rocky Point, N. C.

C. H. WILSON,
S. B. SMITH.
MONROE MOORE.
J. S. HALL,
THOMAS BREWINGTON.
Committee.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCE.

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report: We find that the officers of Calypso Baptist Church were grieved with their ex-pastor Rev. J. M. Newkirk but they have got all right. We also find that they are grieved over the Association being moved from their church elsewhere without their knowledge, and at the same time they making ample preparation to entertain it until the minutes came out stating the change without their knowing of it, and they are asking this body to please tell them the cause.

REV. S. H. NEWKIRK,
THOMAS PARKER,
L. L. LOFTIN,
E. Q. MOORE,
J. D. FRYAR, Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee beg to make the following report: That whereas, we see the great need of more efficient work being done to foster the work on the foreign fields, we therefore recommend that each church in our bounds collect five cents from each member of the church annually and that the same be sent up to the Association for the Foreign Mission Board.

E. P. MOORE,
M. H. NEWKIRK,
M. T. COBB.
J. N. BLOODWORTH,
HENRY HALL, Committee.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION.
(No report.)

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Ministers, Deacons and Delegates Fees	$ 153.85
Church Representation	588.04
Public Collections	138.26
	$ 880.15

This is all the reports that the Finance Committee turned into the Secretary.

Humbly submitted,

THOMAS COSTON, C. D. HIGHSMITH,
WILLIAM FAISON, R. B. FAISON, Chairman,
TOM COSTEN, E. J. BOWDEN, Secretary,
R. BASKERVILLE, Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas, the great command of God and the needs of our people demand Home Missions, let us do more this year than we did last to foster Home Missions in our bounds, for charity began at home and spread abroad. We further recommend that each member of our churches pay five cents per year for Home Missions, and that the same be sent to the Association.

REV. J. H. JOHNSON,
J. R. DAVIS,
D. R. WILLIAMS,
J. P. FAISON, Committee.

REPORT ON NEW CHURCHES.

Your Committee on New Churches reported as follows: We have one new church making application to us for membership in our body, Murphy's Chapel, Rosehill, N. C., and we recommend it for membership.

W. D. WILSON, K. T. HOUSTON,
REV. C. R. KNIGHTON, H. PARKER,
U. A. CARLTON, Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Sacred to the memory of Deacon Robert Willie, E. J. Wilson, Susan M. Smith, R. Waddell, Vidia Bowden.

Be it Resolved, That we bow our heads in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well, "For the voice of midnight called, they started up the hill but a mortal arrow pierced their frame and they fell but felt no fear."

LOYD BASS,
W. M. BRYANT, REV. C. T. UNDERWOOD,
I. S. MOORE, J. W. BELL, Committee.

REPORT ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

We, your Committee make the following recommendation: That the same old officers be retained for the next ensuing year, and the same was adopted.

REV. J. M. NEWKIRK, for Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.
(No report.)

OFFICERS' REPORTS

MODERATOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Goldsboro, N. C., October 19, 1923.

To the Officers, Ministers and Churches, and their officers of the K. E. M. B. Association—Greeting:

Again we have met in the 53rd annual of this grand old body to give Him thanks who looks at the sparrow when he falls to the ground, whose guiding hand has kept us so far, and thus far He has brought us, whose name is Jehovah. The God of our fathers, and the God whose shrine we bow down to today. We are in this great city of Elm, noted in history as one of the centers of North Carolina. Here is located the State Hospital for the unfortunate of our race whose minds are unbalanced. Here is where too the war between the States came to a close, and peace was oonce more restored. Here is where the Educational fever is at melting heat; and here is where this sainted father in Israel planted this Church, some twenty-five or thirty years ago, the Rev. Thomas Parker, D.D., who also is the founder of this Association; the Hon. A. R. Middleton, the venerable Clerk, and others. A majority of them have crossed the river, my brethren. Shall we as their successors, let the well begun work lag. They had a vision, and without visions we cannot do much. The prophets of old had visions of God, and they put that vision in effect by telling the people what God would have them do. Now can we, brother Ministers, be at ease in Zion, when the demon of alcohol is sapping the very life blood out of men and women, boys and girls? And the worst of it all is the majority who are participating in this unlawful practice, are so-called church members. Let Zion's watchmen all awake and sound the alarm in all the Holy Mountains, let the Deacons, the Laymen, say like Joshua said to Moses, Go up to the mount of God with the rod of God in your hand, and I will go down in the valley and fight the battle of the Lord, until we have put the enemies to a flight.

There is a great responsibility on the ministers and churches today. The charge was given to the ministers to go ye in all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. This charge was given nearly two thousand years ago but it is just as sound now as it was then. It was given to men then and it holds good today, and we are the men today as well as the Apostles were the men of that day. The same Jesus which gave them the command, is the same Jesus which gave it to me and to you. It saved the hearers then, and it will save men and women, boys and girls today. If hearers had power then they have power now. The ministers have the same right of the Holy Ghost power today, like the early Church and ministers had at Pentecost when the Devil's Gun Boats opened fire on Heaven's twelve battle ships; the enemies open fire by saying these men are drunk. Peter with the eleven turned loose on hell's fleets, and when the smoke had cleared, Heaven's battleships had captured three thousand of hell's carousers and baptized them, and there was not a hospital for the wounded and crippled. Brother ministers, load your gun with the gospel ammunition, charge it with the Holy Ghost fire; take a good aim, then shoot and I will declare unto you, we will take the world for Christ. Israel failed to carry out God's mission because she turned to worship idols, and the church was not coming up to the standard, because of mingling with the world's follies; our faith measures the territory which is being possessed. The Jews once were God's chosen people to spread the gospel. Now all nations have the privilege in world winning. While there are five hundred millions of Christians under various names, there are more than one billion and two hundred million non-christians and they are the field where those who bear the name of Jesus Christ must work. Lift up your heads, my brethren, and look on the fields for they are already white for the harvest.

The Conditions of the Bounds.

The condition of the bounds are very encouraging. Most of the churches are being pastored by some of the best and ablest men in the State, men whom we feel are living the life that they preach to others, who are a credit to the denomination; men who are trust worthy; men who have made preparations to preach the gospel; men whom we need not be ashamed of; men who have been tried by fire; men who have and are now passing through the dens of lions; men whose lives are consecrated to do business for the King; and the churches are falling in line with their pastors, to put over the program for the cause of Christ. With the above leadership and true followers I think the bounds are in a very good condition.

Our School at Faison, N. C.

This school is at the right place, located on a very healthy spot, and we have the right teachers at the right place; and above all things we have Christian teachers, and the cooperation of the County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Public Instruction. We opened school on September 12th with Prof. R. W. Underwood, B.Th., and three other teachers. His report will tell more in detail. We operated these secondary schools because the State was not at that time making ample provisions for our education, and since the State has come to the rescue of all the people, let us turn our schools over to the State that she may educate the folks and the churches; obey Christ's command and build up churches and evangelize the world.

Let us stand by Missions and Christian Education, all of which the school at Faison, N. C., stands for; for she is the hope of that part of the State, and to let the work lag now it will spell murder on our part.

My Official Capacity.

On the 26th day of January, 1923, after being notified by the Board that we had to seek another place for the sitting of the Association, we called the Executive Board to meet at Burgaw to consider and hear petitions for the convening of this body. By a unanimous vote of the members present this church was chosen.

At the same meeting the Ministerial Board was called by its chairman, Rev. J. M. Newkirk, to consider the petition from Rev. M. W. Rivers for restoration. After hearing same he was restored, as you see in the minutes.

On the second Sunday in September we called a sufficient number of the Ministerial Board to examine Bros. R. J. Wheeler and W. M. Green, at the Hall Baptist Church of which they are members, and after being satisfied on all points, the above named brethren were publicly set apart to the work of the gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands by the Presbytery, whom we recommend to the fellowship of this body and of the world. If there be any church in the bounds that has not a pastor, I think you will make no mistake to give these young men a call for they are students of the Word of God. And not only these whom we just mention, there are others who are just as well prepared, and all they want is a chance to prove their calling.

Young ministers you must study to prove yourselves workmen worthy of His meat. Buy books, if you cannot attend school, and keep up with the tide of progress. Let God use you and not kill yourselves trying to use God. We are His workmanship, and he knows what to do with his own tools. Let us stay on the firing line. Do not run or either lag behind. If we will win for God and right we must stay on the firing line.

Recommendations:

1. That Article 18 in the Amended Constitution stand as it now appears, which reads, all ordained and licentiate ministers shall pay one dollar, Deacons 50 cents, delegates 25 cents each as annual fees.

2. That each Church elect their delegates for the Association in the month of August and forward their names to the Clerk of this body, that we may prepare our program intelligently and appoint chairmen of all committees.

3. That farmers throughout the bounds of this Association donate for the support of the school at Faison, N. C., the following:

One row of cotton, one row of corn, one row of peanuts, one row of turnips, one row of sweet potatoes, one row of cucumbers, one row of beans, one row of Irish potatoes, one row of cabbages one row of collards, one row of tobacco. In fact one row of all we make. Send the same to the Principal or sell that which may perish and send him the proceeds, and he will send receipts for the same, and I will assure you the school will not go lacking or begging.

4. That we will donate $25.00 to Shaw University to help her educate and prepare our race in the State for future usefulness.

Thanking you for the confidence you had in me to place me at the head of this body, and asking your prayers to help me lead right, and if you see fit to move me I will be a follower as I have been these many years. May God's blessings rest on you one and all, and at last may we all enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb. I am your humble servant,

J. N. McKNIGHT, Moderator.

Vice-President made a verbal report.

The Secretary made a verbal report.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Brother President: I your humble servant, beg to submit my report: That whereas, I have visited and corresponded with the various bodies operating religiously, educationally, and otherwise for the uplift both for the church and ministry, and I find that our interest is centered upon the same line to raise our people beyond the ordinary level of mankind by cultivating their minds, their hearts and their hands. Respectfully submitted,

REV. S. T. SHIVER,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Brother Moderator and Brethren: I your humble servant beg leave to submit to you my annual report:

Brought forward from October, 1922	$ 132.53
Received from the Finance Committee at Six Runs Baptist Church	388.58
Total money on hand	$ 521.11

Disbursements.

Paid to Rev. J. N. McKnight for board and expenses to meeting January 26, 1923	$ 34.50
On March 29, 1923, paid to H. C. Wright for board meeting	14.30
On April 4th, 1923, paid to R. W. Underwood for school expenses	135.00
Paid out on April 4th, to H. C. Wright for rent of land to school	30.00
On Oct. 14th, 1923, paid to R. W. Underwood for school expenses	152.75
On June 9th, paid to R. W. Underwood for minutes	50.00
On April 1st, 1923, paid to H. C. Wright, board meeting at Faison	15.00
Total paid out	$ 431.55
Balance on hand	89.56

Humbly submitted, G. R. RAYNOR, Treasurer.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL BOARD.

On the 26th day of January, 1923, at Burgaw, N. C., the Ministerial Board of the K. E. M. B. Association met for the restoration of Rev. M. W. Rivers who had been excluded from fellowship during the year 1922. After a brief renewal of the case and the petition of Rev. Rivers it was unanimously voted to restore him to fellowship again. We recommend that the Association do the same.

Humbly submitted,

REV. C. T. UNDERWOOD,
REV. T. PARKER,
REV. J. E. HIGHSMITH,
REV. E. Q. MOORE,
REV. S. H. NEWKIRK,
REV. J. T. DEANS,
REV. R. M. C. ROBINSON,
REV. J. H. THOMAS,
REV. J. Mc. NEWKIRK,

REPORT ON MINISTERS' AND DEACONS UNION, AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

Mr. President of the Ministers Conference, and Moderator of the Ministers and Deacon's Union, of the K. E. M. B. Association:

We, your Committee on Constitution, beg to submit the following:

1. That this body shall be known as the "Ministers and Deacons Union, and Ministers Conference" of the above title.
2. The Ministers Conference shall meet Friday before the fifth Sundays of each month carrying five Sundays.
3. Aside from topic that might be for discussion, that one hour be spent at the morning and evening sessions on sermons outlined, by a competent minister or ministers.
4. Representative fees shall be 25 cents for each minister, and all public collections taken Friday and at night shall go into the treasury of the Ministers Conference, to defray expense of Conference.

Ministers and Deacons Union.

1. This shall be known as the Minister sand Deacons Union of the above title, and shall comprise the Ministers and Deacons of this Association, and the churches of the same.
2. It shall meet Saturday before each fifth Sunday.
3. Representatives fees—Each church shall be represented by the payment of one cent per member; ministers and deacons 25 cents each. All public collections taken Saturday and at night shall go into the treasury of the Union to defray the expenses thereof, and all money raised on Sundays shall be divided between the Church and Union, one-half to each.
4. That the secretaries of the Conference and Union transmit their financial statistics to the Association Clerk for publication in the minutes.

Humbly submitted,

J. N. McKNIGHT, Chmn.,
J. H. JOHNSON,
J. T. DEAN,
J. C. HERRING,
W. D. WILSON, Committee.

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Auxiliary met at 3 o'clock.

Opened by singing "Stand up for Jesus," &c. The devotional was conducted by Sister Adella Thompson and Sister Biddie McGowan. The 15th chapter of St. John was read by Sister McGowan. Led in prayer by Sister Thompson, "I'm glad it reaches me," was sung by the President. Sister Thompson arose and made the various Sisters welcome to the meeting. She made some timely remarks along the Christian lines. She then announced the testimonial meeting opened. The different Sisters from over the field responded by greetings.

The President came forward and explained the aims of the Missionary meeting in connection with the Association.

The hour having arrived for the discussion of the topic Rev. K. E. Edwards was asked to lead which he did with fleece like words. The President arose and asked Sister Sudie A. Raynor to come forward and read a paper on the subect. Sister Thompson responded and made some striking points. The second topic was made known and Rev. J. H. Johnson came forward and spoke very pointedly.

Then Deacon C. C. Herring came fowarrd and asked that the doors of the Circle be opened which was done. The following joined:

Sister Maggie Faison 10cts., Sister Estella Miner 10cts..

Circles represented: Mount Gilead $1.30, S. A. Raynor; Six Runs $1.00, Adella Thompson; Central Baptist $1.00, Estella Miner! First Baptist Chinquapin $1.00; from Ministers and Deacons meeting $2.00, by Rev. Fryar. turned over by Sister F. V. Conner. Total collected $12.74.

On motion the minutes be read. Motion carried. Minutes read and received.

The President arose and asked for the reports of the workers appointed at the Convention. None were ready.

Rev. J. N. McKnight arose and osked for the extension of the Auxiliary. He said Sisters make wider your tent and strengthen your stakes. He said some touching remarks. Rev. S. T. Shiver arose and spoke explicitly and remindful. Rev. Deans spoke of the interest of the Sisters he desired &c.

F. U. CONNOR, President.

S. A. RAYNOR, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised.	Restored.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Male Members.	Female Members.	Total Membership.	Representative Fees.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Church Extension.	Money raised during year.	Church Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.
1. First Baptist, Kenansville	15	2	4	3	5	3	150	275	425	$ 27.25	$	$	$	$	$ 500.00	$ 75.00	$ 240.00
2. Hills Chapel, Duplin	16	8	1		12	3			3	29.25					350.50	160.74	125.00
3. First Baptist, Warsaw	5	1	7	2	8	1	90	230	320	12.00				300.00	775.00	50.00	340.00
4. Eastern Chapel	4	2	1		9	1	22	79	101	17.75		1.00		300.50			200.50
5. Shady Grove	7	3		2	2	1	29	33	60	15.50	1.00	2.00	2.00		300.00	75.00	144.00
6. Willard Chapel	11	3	2		2	3				19.50				60.00	8.00		206.00
7. Wilson Chapel	20	2		1	2	1	60	90	150	20.00							
8. Smith Chapel	4		1		1	1	10	15	25	7.50					44.15		180.00
9. Poplar Grove	12	1		1			15	25	40	10.00				50.00	200.00		156.00
10. Watha Chapel	3	1	2			3			5	4.40							120.00
11. Union Chapel		8	4	1	1	1	40	40	80	20.00					200.00		1800.00
12. Grove Street						4	16	17	33	5.20							
13. Halls Chapel	5	1			2	1	84	170	254	26.00					675.00		300.00
14. St. Luke		1	2	2	1		22	26	48	12.00							125.00
15. Stephens Chapel		2			1		11	17	28	4.85	.25	.10				1.00	100.00
16. St. John		2			1	1	35	65	100	13.00							
17. Friendship	11	1			3	5	45	75	120	10.00					60.00	20.00	300.00
18. Mount Gilead	23	7	1	3	6	5	67	100	161	40.50	1.00	.50			390.00		200.00
19. New Hope				1			16	30	46	11.50		.44			173.75		117.75
20. Bowden	10	3			10		32	48	80	20.00					196.30	25.00	180.00
21. Chinquapin	2	2	6	1	3	1	30	52	82	20.50						321.71	
22. Peters Tabernacle	7	14			1	1				12.00					2.00		300.00
23. Mount Holly							3	5	8	2.00					25.00	60.00	75.00
24. Hills Chapel, Pender	2			2		1	21	28	49	7.55						175.00	124.00
25. Birds Chapel	4	1		1	1	1	30	70	100	4.00					4.00		200.00
26. Faisons Chapel	9	2			2		21	30	51	6.00							127.00
27. Six Runs		1			2		16	33	49	12.25					225.00	175.00	125.00
28. Registers Grove	3					1	25	30	55	3.50					30.00		240.00
29. Roseville	15	3	1		2	2	125	200	325	5.00					5.60	43.00	360.00
30. Pilgrims Rest		2			2	1	60	84	144	15.00					2.00	20.00	165.00
31. McCallop Chapel		4			6	1	13	39	52	8.75							140.00
32. Shoulders Branch							17	33	50	12.50							
33. Central Baptist	18	1	5						384	20.00							
34. Maysville							9	9	18	6.25	1.00			1.00	15.00	75.00	60.00
35. Love Grove	1	1				1	5	13	18	4.00					114.17		91.64
36. Daisy Chapel			1		2				38	7.00					2.40		135.00
37. Calypso	18	2	2		1	1	37	47	84	5.00							
38. Rainbow	4	2			1	1	20	35	52	8.00						3.00	180.00
39. Oakey Plains	5						5	9	14	2.00					90.81		63.00
40. Wilmington, First Baptist	10	8	2	4						25.00							
41. Hallsville	3	2	1			2	61	90	151	19.50					232.21		
42. Magnolia	12	4			9		70	150	220	18.00							
43. Mount Pleasant	15	3					16	10	26	3.00					104.40		65.50
44. Murphy Chapel									14	3.50							

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCH.	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE.	CLERK AND POST OFFICE.	Sunday of Preaching
1. Kenansville Baptist	Rev. W. H. Walker, Warsaw	C. C. Graham, Magnolia	First Sunday
2. Hills Chapel Duplin	Rev. Thomas Parker, Warsaw	W. H. Thompson, Faison	Third Sunday
3. Warsaw First Baptist	Rev. L. T. Bonds, Windsor	R. B. Faison, Warsaw	Sccond a nd Fourth Sunday
4. Six Runs	Rev. Thomas Parker, Warsaw	Eddy Faison, Faison	Fourth Sunday
5. Eastern Chapel	Rev. J. T. Deans, 514 Lodge Street, Wilson	S. Sutton, Goldsboro	First Sunday
6. Shady Grove	Rev. J. D. Fryar, Warsaw	Bert Peterson, Mount Olive	Third Sunday
7. Willard Chapel	Rev. J. T. Deans, 514 Lodge St., Wilson	John H. West, Willard	Third Sunday
8. Poplar Grove	Rev. S. T. Shiver, Wilmington	D. J. Hargrove, Faison	Second Sunday
9. Watha Chapel	Rev. H. T. Hopkins, Wilmington	O. J. McKinnon, Watha	Fourth Sunday
10. Halls Chapel			
11. Union Chapel	Rev. J. H. Bryant, Armour	J. B. Bland, Atkins	First Sunday
12. St. Luke Chapel	Rev. J. D. Fryar, Warsaw	J. H. Herring, Mount Olive	Fourth Sunday
13. Stephens Chapel	Rev. J. M. Newkirk, Rose Hill	Mrs. Katy Faison, Goldsboro	Second Sunday
14. St. John	Rev. J. T. Deans, 514 Lodge St., Wilson	T. E. Armstrong, Rocky Point	Fourth Sunday
15. Friendship	Rev. J. N. McKnight, Burgaw	Major Bowden, Rocky Point	First Sunday
16. Mount Gilead	Rev. J. T. Deans, 514 Lodge St., Wilson	Rev. A. T. Pettiford, Mount Olive	Second Sunday
17. Grove Street	Rev. R. M. C. Robinson, Warsaw	D. A. Williams, Kenansville	Second Sunday
18. New Hope Chapel	Rev. N. H. Hall, Willard	W. M. Messett, Watha	Second Sunday
19. Bowden	Rev. R. M. C. Robinson, Warsaw	J. F. Bowden, Bowden	Fourth Sunday
20. Peters Tabernacle	Rev. R. W. Underwood, Dunn	Arthur Hayes, Wallace	First Sunday
21. Chinquapin	Rev. W. H. Green, Scotts Hill	Mrs. Alice Pickett, Chinquapin	Second Sunday
22. Mount Holly	Rev. S. H. Newkirk, Wilmington	Joseph Williams, Wilmington	Fourth Sunday
23. Hills Chapel, Pender	Rev. H. Parker, Roseboro	Robert Hankins, Ashton	Second Sunday
24. Birds Chapel	Rev. J. E. Highsmith, Willard	Susan J. Bryant, Rose Hill	Fourth Sunday
25. Faison Chapel	Rev. J. M. Newkirk, Rose Hill	Willie Cooper, Warsaw	Fourth Sunday
26. Man Hollow	Rev. H. Parker, Roseboro	J. E. Sheppard, Sloop Point	Third Sunday
27. Register Grove	Rev. J. E. Highsmith, Willard	Mrs. Pearl Maynor, Magnolia	Third Sunday
28. Roseville	Rev. J. E. Highsmith, Willard	Richard Beatty, Willard	Second Sunday
29. Pilgrim Rest	Rev. J. W. Williams, Willard	M. E. Murphy, Carr	Third Sunday
30. McCallop Chapel	Rev. J. D. Fryar, Warsaw	Henry Cooper, Turkey	Second Sunday
31. Shoulders Branch	No Pastor	D. Nixon, Castle Hayne	Fourth Sunday
32. Central Baptist	No Pastor	E. M. Butler, Wilmington	Every Sunday
33. Maysville Chapel	No letter		
34. Love Grove	Rev. H. T. Hopkins, Wilmington	A. J. Williams, Topsail	Third Sunday
35. Wilson Chapel	Rev. J. N. McKnight, Burgaw	C. C. Herring, Warsaw	Third Sunday
36. Calypso	Rev. J. W. Bell, Wilmington	Russell Williams, Calypso	First Sunday
37. Rainbow	Rev. R. M. C. Robinson, Warsaw	J. W. Hodges, Warsaw	Third Sunday
38. Oakey Plain	Jerry Grimes, Mount Olive	M. Bryant, Wallace	Second Sunday
39. Hallsville	Rev. J. W. Bell, Wilmington	Mrs. Ella J. Williams, Kenansville	Third Sunday
40. Magnolia	Rev. W. H. Walker, Warsaw	I. S. Moore, Magnolia	Fourth Sunday
41. Mount Pleasant	Rev. J. P. Faison, Warsaw	M. Gamble, Turkey	First Sunday
42. Wilmington First Baptist	Rev. J. H. Thomas, Box 1041, Wilmington	T. S. Shadrick, 515 Swanee St.,	Every Sunday
43. Daisy Chapel	Rev. J. D. Fryar, Warsaw	Daisy McCray, Beulaville	First Sunday
44. Murphys Chapel	Rev. W. D. Wilson, Turkey	Miss Mary L. Murphy, Rose Hill	Third Sunday
45. Smith Chapel	Rev. K. T. Houston, Mount Olive	C. H. Williams, Kenansville	Third Sunday
46. Eastern Chapel	Rev. Jerry Grimes, Mount Olive	———, Mount Olive	

AMENDED CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament, to foster harmony among the churches, to encourage Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, and to aid in the establishing of a High School for education of the people.

Art. 9. This Association shall be composed of ministers and delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates who shall be members or pastors of that church.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation. The letter must state the condition of the church and the amounts of money sent up for each and all purposes.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of votes cast, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and to superintend the printing of the minutes and distribution of the same among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep in correspondence with other bodies in good standing.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches and collect one-half the funds during the sessions and the other half he shall pay to the church where the Association is held, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He sall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Auditor at each annual session of the Association to examine carefully the receipts, vouchers, papers and books of the Treasurer, and his certificate to the same shall be attached.

Art. 11. This Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five nor more than seven members, which committee shall have the supervision of the Associational missions and colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Art. 12. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which shall neglect to preserve Gospel order, or contribute 25 cents per member as representative fees to the Association annually.

Art. 13. This Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the Association except that of voting.

Art. 14. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 15. By appointment of this Association, there shall be an Introductory sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary, Temperance, Educational and Doctrinal sermon preached.

Art. 16. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 17. This Association shall contribute to the support of any superannuated minister in good standing in this Association the sum of five dollars per annum.

Art. 18. All ordained and licentiate ministers shall pay $1.00, deacons 50c., delegates 25c., as annual fees.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is made known. In case of his absence, a chairman protem shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.
7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.
9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move for a re-consideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.
12. All questions, except such as relate to the constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
13. This Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

COVENANT.

Forasmuch as Almighty God by His grace, has been pleased to call us, as we hope out of darkness into His marvelous light; and all of us have been regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus, and have given up ourselves to the Lord, and to one another in a Gospel Church relation, to be governed and guided by proper discipline, according to God's word; we do, therefore, in the name of our Lord Jesus, and by His assistance, covenant and agree to keep the discipline of the Church, of which we are members, in the most brotherly affection towards one another, and endeavor punctually to observe the following rules: 1st. In brotherly love to pray for each other, to watch over one another, and if need be in the most tender and affectionate manner to reprove one another; that is if we discover anything amiss in a brother, to go and tell him of his faults, according to the direction given in the 18th chapter of the gospel by Matthew, and not be whispering and backbiting. 2nd. We also agree with God's assistance, to pray in our families, attend our church meetings, and not to absent ourselves from the communion of the Lord's Supper without a lawful excuse. To be ready to contribute to the defraying of the church expenses, and support of the Missionary, and not irregularly depart from the fellowship of the church, nor remove to distant churches without a regular dismission.

These things we do covenant and agree to observe and keep sacred, in the name of and by the assistance of the Holy Trinity.—AMEN